Short Term, Medium Term and Long Term Plans for Development of Tourism

1214. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have asked different State Governments to prepare short term, medium term and long term plans to develop tourism in their respective States;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by different State Governments to prepare the long term, medium term and short term plans for the development of tourism; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism had asked various State Governments to prepare a Master Plan on Tourism. The following States have prepared their Master Plans:—

(1) Andhra Pradesh
(2) Goa
(3) Himachal Pradesh
(4) Karnataka
(5) Kerala
(6) Madhya Pradesh
(7) Punjab
(8) Rajasthan
(9) Tamil Nadu
(10) Assam
(11) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Settlement between management of Air India and its unions

1215. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a settlement was agreed between the management of Air India and some of its unions on 31.12.95;

(b) if so, whether it was agreeable to all employees;

(c) whether there was any protest against the agreement from a major section of the employees, especially from Air India employees guild;

(d) any amendment was affected in the agreement; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The management of Air India signed an agreement on 31.12.1995 with Air India Employees Guild. Only a small section of employees objected to certain provisions of the agreement.

(d) and (e) The agreement was partially amended on 5.5.96 to adopt the methodology subsequently followed by Indian Airlines in fixing basic pay in the revised scales of pay.

Uplinking Facilities to Private T.V. Networks

1216. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give uplinking facilities to private TV networks, either domestic or foreign;

(b) whether the representatives of West Bengal, Kerala, Tripura, Maharashtra and Karnataka expressed their strong reservation on the issue at a conference of the State Information Ministers in New Delhi;

(c) if so, the salient points raised by them; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) No decision has been taken by the Governemnt on this issue as yet.

(b) Whereas Karnataka, West Bengal and Tripura Governments did express strong reservation on the programmes of foreign satellite channels, Kerala and Maharashtra Governments did not make any specific comments on this issue.